WD 37 (86

STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WATER DISTRICT NO. 37 & 37 M

P.O. Box T Shoshone, Idaho 83352 (208) 886-2451

RECEIVED JAN 2 4 2003



Department of Water Resources

January 22, 2003

Tim Luke 1301 N Orchard St. Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Tim,

I spoke to Allen Merritt yesterday about setting up a meeting with IDWR, Big Wood Canal Co., and the water users of the Baseline By-Pass and the Extension By-Pass, to help clarify the use and delivery of the water. There are still a lot of people who are angry about the delivery of this water. I thought maybe if they had a chance to better understand the process it would help alleviate some of their concerns. We also see a need for understanding when the water should be allowed to proceed into Magic Reservoir as opposed to being diverted into canals above Magic after the irrigation season. There is also the issue of ice jams flooding ranches near-by if the water is left in the By-Pass through the winter. Allen suggested I write to you and see if you would be willing to help set up a meeting. One problem we would face is we still do not have a current list of the shareholders of the Upper Big Wood River Water Users Association. Perhaps we could put a notice in the newspaper.

Please give this some consideration and let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

Łee R. Peterson

Watermaster

CC: Allen Merritt ∠ UBWRWUA

Big Wood Canal Co.

American Falls Res Dist #2

Directly these people & white the control of the people & white the control of the control of

Mtg @ Blow Shahar office.